



Welcome March

Spring is just around the corner, promising a new season of warmth and rejuvenation. As the flowers start to bloom, so do new projects and exciting initiatives within PHE.

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Happy St. Patrick's Day



St. Patrick's Day at PHE

This year for St. Patrick's Day everyone in the office was wearing green! There was a Leprechaun Hunt where employees competed to see who could find the pot of gold and who could locate the most Leprechaun's hidden throughout the office. Jamie was the champion who found the pot of gold and Patrick impressively located ten leprechauns, the most out of everyone in the office. In addition to the game, Irish food and treats were shared, Shawn made some delicious corned beef and cabbage, and everyone had a wonderful time.

Jamie Williams- Pictured above



HAPPY
St. Patrick's
DAY

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Oldie's Lunch



Pictured left to right: John Shouse, Dayle Conrad, Jamie Williams, Steve Ekberg, Shawn McClain, Beverly Williams, Donna Haynes and Gayle Holcom.

Oldie's Lunch

Each quarter current and long time employees meet for lunch and conversation. Sharing hundreds of years of insurance knowledge around one table with what they affectionally call the "Oldie's Lunch".



Non-Profit of the
Quarter



Coyote Central

Vision: An equitable world powered by curiosity, creativity, and collaboration.

Mission: Coyote Central sparks creativity in young people, putting tools in their hands to build skills and forge their futures.

Coyote Central: Commitment to Equity

Coyote Central is committed to prioritizing equity in all our actions. We recognize that our communities have suffered due to obstacles to opportunities for low-income individuals, immigrants, refugees, and communities of color. Our goal is to break down these barriers by including a variety of perspectives in our decision-making and actively seeking to expand our understanding of equality. While we begin with a focus on racial equality, we also address disparities related to income, gender identity, culture, language, ability, and any other forms of oppression that our community may face.

Efforts to Date Include:

- Establishing a Youth Advisory Board to emphasize the importance of student voice throughout the organization;
- Organizing talkback sessions and surveys with students and parents to enhance community input.
- Modifying our registration process to ensure reserved spots for underrepresented populations;
- Broadening the diversity of our teaching artists, staff, and board members to mirror the varied identities of our students;
- Offering training sessions for our teaching artists that focus on racial equity, micro-aggressions, conflict resolution, restorative justice, gender pronouns, and effective strategies for supporting youth on the autism spectrum as well as ESOL students; and
- Assisting an Equity & Inclusion Task Force (EITF) comprised of students, parents, teaching artists, board members, and staff.

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Coverage Corner

Why You Need Adequate Personal Umbrella Insurance

Lawsuits can happen anytime—whether from a car accident, injury on your property, or defamation claim. Standard insurance may not cover the full costs, leaving you financially exposed. Personal umbrella insurance adds extra protection beyond your primary policies, covering expenses that exceed their limits. It is recommended to have coverage equal to or greater than all of your owned assets. For a small annual cost, umbrella insurance safeguards your assets and peace of mind.



Sarah Wilson
Personal Lines Manager



Community Events



92nd Annual Daffodil Parade *Saturday, April 5th*

The 92nd Annual Daffodil Festival Grand Floral Parade will be passing through Tacoma again on April 5th. The parade will begin in Tacoma at 10:15 a.m. on Pacific Avenue. Then the parade will pass through the following cities: Puyallup at 12:45 p.m., Sumner at 2:30 p.m., and then finally it will commence through Orting beginning at 5 p.m. This is a beautiful event that happens once every year.



Daffodil Marine Parade *Sunday, April 13th*

Head on down to the Tacoma Ruston Way waterfront on Sunday April 13th, 2025 to enjoy a parade of decorated boats as part of the annual Daffodil Festival Marine Parade. This year's parade theme is "Boating Locally". Boats will be participating from Yacht Clubs all over Puget Sound. The parade starts on Sunday, April 13th, at 11:30 a.m. from the Tacoma Yacht Club; boats go along the waterfront and into the Thea Foss Waterway. Then turn around and head back. You can watch the parade all along the Ruston Waterfront or from Dune Peninsula Park.



Tacoma Museums

Every 3rd Thursday of the Month

Tacoma's monthly Third Thursday museum district celebration! Local museums offer free or discounted admission once a month, and often feature special activities. Visit the Washington State History Museum for free from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., the Foss Waterway Seaport from 4 p.m.- 8 p.m., and the Tacoma Art Museum and Museum of Glass from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Local downtown art galleries also open their doors for participants to stop by and enjoy, the works of art and mingle with the artists.



Community Cultivation



Martin Luther King Service project

PHE was proud to partner with the United Way of Pierce County, the event's hosts, to assemble hygiene kits for our unhoused neighbors. Each kit included various personal care items, nutritious snacks, and a heartfelt note to give courage to those who are struggling. These notes added a personal touch, ensuring that recipients felt the kits were made especially for them. The United Way will be distributing the hygiene kits during the upcoming Point-In-Time Count to highlight the power of our community in action to support those experiencing homelessness.

*Carissa Milligan, Lesa Bentley, Bailie Grahn,
Jamie Williams and Courtney Eckstein*



*Lesla Bentley, Jamie Williams, Carissa Milligan
and Bailie Grahn*

*Bailie Grahn, Jamie Williams and Courtney
Eckstein*



Carissa Milligan



PHE Birthday's



Happy birthday Carissa! It is with balloons, heartfelt wishes, and an abundance of cupcakes that we celebrate Carissa on her special day. We are so grateful to have Carissa as part of our team!



Happy birthday Lesa! Our office is so excited to celebrate this special day with Lesa. We are so fortunate to have someone as dedicated and kind-hearted as Lesa on our team.



PHE Anniversaries



Linda Mattos
New Business Producer
2 Year Anniversary

Linda has lived in Washington State since 1995, during which she completed five summits of Mt. Rainier. At PHE Linda enjoys our tight knit team while continuing to learn and grow as a long-time employee benefits specialist and consultant. Linda enjoys the people aspect of benefits while navigating the complexity of insurance. Linda is a member of the National Ski Patrol and enjoys volunteering. Recent volunteer activities are a “ball kid” on the professional level tennis tours and a score keeper on professional level golf tours. As a professional singer, you can see Linda on stage this May in Seattle Opera’s upcoming production of Tosca.



Maria Johnson
Office Manager
3 Year Anniversary

Maria joined the Pilkey Hopping and Ekberg team in March of 2022. Maria has 14 years of office manager experience; this experience makes her a go-to resource for our daily tasks around the office. She is an independent and critical thinker and is always available to lend a helping hand. This experience makes her someone that we know we can trust with a myriad of tasks. Working as PHE’s Office Manager has given Maria a wealth of knowledge and experience in accounting, HR and even some IT tasks. Maria has a little Yorkie named Roscoe, three great kids and an active grandson. Her husband Greg works at the UW Medical Hospital as the medical refrigeration lead. Their whole family loves going on tropical vacations, especially cruises to the Caribbean! In her free time Maria uses her laser cutter to make all sorts of gifts, signs, home décor, and other crafts. Maria looks forward to learning more, building relationships and the career she has ahead with the PHE team.



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For every qualifying referral we receive, which consists of a new customer requesting a quote, we will mail you a \$10 Starbucks gift card. We also match this with a gift to our non profit of the quarter!

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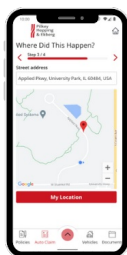


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